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2006 Acreage Reports are Due

JUNE 30, 2006 is the final date to report your 2006 crop acreage to FSA without paying a "late" fee. The timely filing of an accurate acreage report for all your 2006 crops, including failed acres and prevented plant acres, will prevent the loss of program benefits. The Wheat & Feed-grain program, the LDP programs, the NAP insurance program, the CRP programs, and any disaster program that may arise all *require* an accurate, up-to-date acreage report through FSA before program benefits are considered.

Since there are approximately 1200 farms that fall into one of the above categories and are required to report, "time is of the essence".

PLEASE! Do not wait until the last day to come into the office!!!!!

2006 Wool LDP

Wool growers are reminded that the LDP program for wool that was sheared in 2006 is in full effect. The current rate for a wool LDP is \$0.22/lb.

Remember- You, the grower, must have beneficial interest in the 2006 wool at the time of application.

Unshorn lamb pelts are also included in this program provided proof of slaughter is submitted.

MILCX Sign-up Continues

All milk producers enrolled in the MILCX program must continue to provide their monthly milk production information if they are to continue to participate in the Milk Income Loss Contract extension (MILCX) program.

New milk producers are reminded that new sign-ups will be for future months. The retro-active portion of the program has "sunset".

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Enrollment of riparian areas in the CREP program is continuous. If you have privately owned land through which a perennial stream or an intermittent stream flows and you want to fence it off to create an improved riparian zone, the CREP may the instrument you need to accomplish this goal. The CREP contracts are for a 10-15 year period in which FSA will lease the riparian area on a per acre basis for the life of the contract provided you implement and follow a conservation plan for the area. Contact FSA or NRCS at the Malheur USDA Service Center for more information.

Toll Free Numbers for FSA Borrowers

Direct loan FSA borrowers can now check the status of their individual accounts by using the new toll-free telephone number, 1-888-518-4983. On your first call, you will need your tax ID or Social Security Number and a personal PIN number to insure privacy of your information.

eGov is available on line: Producers are now able to apply for farm program assistance, farm loan programs, and conservation reserve programs via their home computers. Interested producers must first obtain a Level 2 clearance before using this system. You can register online at www.egov.usda.gov or you can visit the Malheur FSA office to obtain the required Level 2 authority. Once this is done, your ID verified by the FSA office, and your account activated, you can than do business in some programs via egov.

Level 2 authority will allow you access to the following: LDP programs, DCP programs, Farm Loan Programs, Financial Services, and your personal Customer Payment Statements.

FSA office hours are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Phone: (541)889-9689

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